

In the Drawings:

Enclosed please find proposed drawing corrections in red. Formal drawings will be provided after Notice of Allowance. No new matter has been added.

In the Specification:

Enclosed is a replacement specification which is intended to be consistent with Attachment A (underlined and bracketed version) of the Preliminary Amendment dated August 13, 1998. Please enter this replacement specification and amend this specification as follows:

Page 15, line 3, please delete "~~180~~", and substitute --(not shown)-- therefor; line 8, please change "~~114~~" to --280--; line 9, please change "~~110~~" to --100--; and line 21, change "~~1A~~" to --1--.

Page 16, line 13, insert "arm" after --take up dancer--.

Page 17, line 2, change "~~110~~" to --100--; and line 6, change the second occurrence of "~~100~~" to --110--.

Page 19, line 5, delete "~~160~~"; and line 14, delete "600".

Page 20, line 7, change "~~710~~" to --1060--; bridging lines 20 and 21, change "sealer 832" to --seal (not shown)--.

Page 21, line 5, delete "~~600~~".

Page 22, line 1, delete "~~832~~"; line 16, delete "1140".

Page 23, line 5, change "1070" to --1110--; line 6, delete "1160"; line 9, delete "1140"; line 14, delete "1220"; and line 18, delete "1265".

Page 24, lines 11 and 13, please delete "2210".

Page 25, line 13, change "2004" to --2006--; and last line, change "2045 (FIG. 17)" to --2045' (FIG. 28)--.

Page 26, line 1, change "2058" to --2058A--; line 2, change "2059" to --2059A--; line 14, delete "1140"; and line 16, change "2045" to --2045'--.

Page 27, line 6, change "2043" to --2041--; bridging lines 14 and 15, delete "2063 and 2065"; line 22, change "2045" to --2045'--.

Page 28, line 7, change "2045" to --2045'--; line 9, change "2018" to --2014--; and line 11, please change "are color photographs of" to --show-- and delete "1140".

Page 30, line 5, change "assembly 430" to --sealing bar assembly 2131--; line 13, change "2056" to --2056'--; line 16, change "2162" to --2162A--; line 19, change "2047" to --2179--.

Page 31, line 10, change "2130" to --2131--; line 14, change "shaft" to --roller--; lines 19 and 23, change "100A" to --270--; and bridging lines 21 and 22, change "hubs 2130G, 2215A and 2130B" to --drive roller 2130G and hub 2215A--.

Page 32, line 1, please change "2109" to --2109A--; lines 2, 3, 4, 7 (both occurrences), change "100A" to --270--; line 8, please change "Delrin" to "DELRIN®"; line 11, please change "teflon" to "TEFLON®"; and starting on line 21, please delete "Although it cannot be seen in Fig. 33, sealing bar 2159 includes two sets of sealing bars 2056' and 2058'. Seal bar 2056 forms seal 2056. Seal bar 2058' forms seal 2058." and substitute -- Sealing bar 2159 includes first set of sealing bars (not shown) and second set of sealing bars 2058'. The first set of sealing bars (not shown) forms seal 2056. The second set of sealing bars 2058' forms seal 2058.--

Page 34, line 23, change "2154" to --2156--.

Page 36, line 2, change "2000" to --2200--; line 3, please delete "1140 2200"; lines 16 and 18, change "2210" to --2206--; and line 19, delete "2210".

Page 37, line 17, change "2056" to --2032, 2154--; and lines 20 and 22, change "1140" to --2138--.

Page 39, line 5, before "2060", please insert --2058,--.

Page 42, line 5, change "32" to --31--.

Page 45, lines 19, 21 and 22, please change "dotted line 70" to --perforation 70'--.

Page 46, line 7, please change "74" to --74'--; line 13, please change "76" to --76'--; and line 21, please change "80" to

--80'--.

Page 47, line 4, change "structure" to --for upper gripping portions--; line 8, please change "12" to --55'--; lines 10, 11, 16 and 19, change "72" to --71--; and last line, change "202" to --202'--.

Page 48, line 2, change "202" to --202'--.

In the Abstract of the Disclosure

Line 2, change "The present invention includes methods" to -Methods--; line 3, after "formed", insert --are disclosed--.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (amended) An apparatus for dispensing, applying and sealing individual sections of thermoplastic tape having one or more fastener profiles attached thereto, said tape being sealed across a portion of a web of thermoplastic material, said apparatus comprising: means for advancing said web of thermoplastic material, said means including a motorized drive roll for dispensing said web; one or more dancer rollers having said web threaded therethrough, a dancer arm supporting at least one of said dancer rollers; a pair of motorized nip rollers for advancing said web through said apparatus; means for detecting the position of said dancer arm and actuating said motorized drive roll and said motorized nip rolls at the speed required to